

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A substance-supporting porous silica, wherein a porous silica supports a substance selected from the group consisting of menthol, volatile substances, thermal substances, plant polyphenols and organic colorants, and has a specific surface area of from 400 to 1500 m<sup>2</sup>/g, and  
wherein the pore of the porous silica forms a hexagonal structure.
2. (Original) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, further comprising an emulsifying agent.
3. (Original) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the porous silica has a pore having an average pore size of from 0.8 to 20 nm.
4. (Previously Presented) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein the porous silica has an average particle size of from 50 nm to 100 µm.
5. **(Canceled)**
6. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising the substance-supporting porous silica as defined in claim 1.
7. (Currently Amended) A coolant comprising a porous silica according to claim 1.
8. (New) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said porous silica has a specific surface area of from 600 to 1500 m<sup>2</sup>/g.
9. (New) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said porous silica has a specific surface area of from 600 to 1200 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

10. (New) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is menthol.

11. (New) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is volatile substances.

12. (New) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is thermal substances.

13. (New) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is plant polyphenols.

14. (New) The substance-supporting porous silica according to claim 1, wherein said substance is organic colorants.